Amendment to Delta Plan Water Supply Reliability Recommendation 15 (WR R15) Sept. 29, 2016

WR R15. Improve Water Transfer Procedures. Improve Water Transfer Procedures
Enhanced Interagency Cooperation, Review and Reporting of Cross-Delta Water
Transfers.

The California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board, should work with stakeholders to identify and recommend measures to reduce procedural and administrative impediments to water transfers and protect water rights and environmental resources by December 31, 2016. These recommendations should include measures to address potential issues with recurring transfers of up to 1 year in duration and improved public notification for proposed water transfers, in coordination with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, should memorialize in writing by December 31, 2016, procedures that build upon, and make routine, the drought-related, enhanced level of interagency cooperation and review of proposed cross-Delta water transfers. The procedures should promote increased efficiency and flexibility, while ensuring the following: (1) the protection of water rights and environmental resources; and (2) transparency and accountability, including sharing of relevant information and standardizing public reporting on cross-Delta water transfers.